

SUBJECT

BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 22-212

Pertaining to a request to include water service connection material type at the time of the City of Saint Paul Truth-in-Sale of Housing Disclosure Report.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

When residential property is listed for sale in Saint Paul, a Truth-in-Sale of Housing Disclosure Report is required to be posted at the property within three days of initial listing. Homebuyers should know if the water service line, the pipe connecting the water main in the street to the home, is made of lead. Lead service line information should be considered during a home purchase and be made available through the TISH disclosure report.

Education to the public of a home's water service connection material type has improved greatly over the last decade including:

- information more predominately displayed on the SPRWS website along with the appropriate phone numbers to call with questions
- the creation of an online service material map available to the public
- letters to homeowners within a project area that have lead service connections along with information about how to replace them

However, that education is predominately advertised to current homeowners. There are fewer opportunities to educate prospective buyers of residential property in the service area.

In addition, the American Society of Home Inspectors encourages the identification of lead service lines during an inspection.

RECOMMENDATION

Board approval is recommended.